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Response to Amendment

1. The proposed amendment adds the limitations “having a tubular shape”, “opposed adjacent edges of each half shell pair and extends along an axial length of each half shell pair”, and “wherein the protective device is positioned within the outer shell and adjacent an end of one of the plurality of electrical energy storage cells” to claim 1. The amendment changes the scope of the claims and therefore requires further search and/or consideration.

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